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PROGRAM
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A2-A3 on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of a counterpart Japanese patent application. Document A1 is the U.S. counterpart of Document A3. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts of the foreign language documents are provided for the Examiner's convenience.

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued May 24, 2005, with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application, is provided below:

- Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 18, and 40
- Cited Literature 1 and 2
- Remarks
- Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 40

In Cited Literature 1 is described the invention of a packet transfer device that determines priority data (equivalent to "data relating to a resource control method in the path in which the received packet is transferred" in the present application) from data in the header of the received packet such as the IP address of the sender/receiver, the port number of the sender/receiver, or the protocol (equivalent to "multiple types of data contained in the received packet" in the present application) when transferring the packet in question, and performs the transfer of the packet (refer to (0014) etc. in Cited Literature 1).

The invention described in Cited Literature 1 differs from the inventions according to Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 40 of the present application in that it has a location internal to the packet transfer device that determines priority according to data in the received packet when transferring the received packet in question, but there would be no particular difficulty in establishing a location external to the invention described in Cited Literature 1 to determine priority according to data in the received packet when transferring the received packet in question in order to achieve the same structure as the inventions according to Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 40 of the present application.

- Claim 18

In Cited Literature 2 is described the invention of a resource management method that secures resources by issuing resource requests to the network when

performing a transmission that requires certain resources (refer to Cited Literature 2, line 8 of upper right section of page 5 through line 4 of upper left section of page 6, etc.).

Achieving the invention related to Claim 18 by applying the technology described in Cited Literature 2 to the packet transfer device described in Cited Literature 1 is something that could easily be conceived by one skilled in the art.

At present, no reasons for rejection have been discovered for the inventions relating to claims other than those indicated in this Notification of Reasons for Rejection. If new reasons for rejection are discovered, notification will be made of the reasons for rejection.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-253047
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H2-185134

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 CFR §1.704(d) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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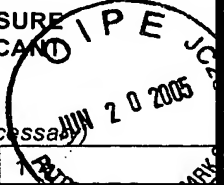
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